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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF SWEDISH ELECTION

REF: STOCKHOLM 5145

1. COMPLETED OFFICIAL TALLY OF VOTES IN THE NATIONAL ELECTION SHOWS NO CHANGE IN THE OUTCOME AS REPORTED REFTEL. THE PARTIES FINAL PERCENTAGE SHARE OF THE VOTES REMAINED STABLE, AND THE RIKSDAG WILL OPEN OCTOBER 4 WITH 180 SEATS HELD BY THE NON-SOCIALISTS AND 169 BY THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND COMMUNITS. BREAKDOWN GIVEN REFTEL IS OFFICIALLY ACCURATE.

2. DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES IS AS FOLLOWS:

MODERATE CENTER LIBERAL

NUMBER OF VOTES 845,580 1,307,927 600,249

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PERCENTAGE 15.6 24.1 11.0

SOCIAL- COMMUNISTS(VPK)
DEMOCRATS

NUMBER OF VOTES	2,320,818	257,967
PERCENTAGES	42.9	4.7

MAOISTS(SKP) CHRISTIAN-
DEMOCRATS (KDS)

NUMBER OF VOTES	17,274	73,516
PERCENTAGE	0.3	1.4

ACTUAL VOTER TURNOUT WAS 90.1 PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS,
SLIGHTLY DOWN FROM 1973'S RECORD TURNOUT OF 90.8 PERCENT.

3. IN ELECTIONS IN THE TWO MAJOR CITIES, STOCKHOLM
AND GOTEBOG, THE CITY GOVERNMENT CHANGED HANDS.
THE SOCIALISTS WON IN GOTEBOG BY A RAZOR-THIN
MAJORITY 41-40, ON THE CITY COUNCIL, ENDING THE
DECADE-LONG REIGN OF NON-SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT THERE.
THEIR SUCCESS IS ATTRIBUTED IN LARGE EXTENT TO THE
EFFECT OF VOTES FROM THE IMMIGRANT YUGOSLAV AND
FINNISH COMMUNITIES, WHERE THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATA ARE
RELATIVELY STRONG. HAD THE CENTER PARTY RECEIVED
70 MORE VOTES,THE MAJORITY WOULD HAVE BEEN REVERSED.
IN THE CITY OF STOCKHOLM, THE NON-SOCIALISTS
SUCCEEDED IN TOPPLING THE SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT BY A
MARGIN OF 52-49 SEATS ON THE CITY COUNCIL. COUPLED
WITH THE CONTINUED NON-SOCIALIST CONTROL OF
STOCKHOLM COUNTY, THIS GIVES THE NON-SOCIALISTS
CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE CAPITAL CITY AREA.

4. IN MUNICIPAL AND COUNTRY ELECTIONS, FINAL
RETURNS ARE NOT YET CONFIRMED, BUT PROBABLE
RESULTS ARE THAT GAINS OR LOSSES OF DISTRICTS
FOR THE SOCIALIST AND NON-SOCIALIST BLOCS TEND TO
BALANCE EACH OTHER OUT. THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO
HAVE BEEN ANY LARGE-SCALE IDEOLOGICAL SHIFT TO
EITHER THE RIGHT OR THE LEFT ON EITHER THE COUNTY
OR MUNICIPAL LEVEL.

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